

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President, Michael Blue, Vice-President, Steve McKay, Jessica Fitzwater, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen and Phil Dacey were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Michael Chomel, County Attorney's Office; Sydnee Sichert, Recording Secretary and Lisa Bigelow, Administrative Specialist V.

Council President Keegan-Ayer called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Adjustment J-19-144 Health Services Division (continued from December 18, 2018)

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-19-144, Health Services Division, as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Phil Dacey opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 2 - McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
District 1 – Donald	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approve Minutes from December 18, 2018

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 2 - McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
District 1 – Donald	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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Public Information Act Review

Linda Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney, presented a review of the Public Information Act to the Council.

Open Meetings Act Review

John Mathias, County Attorney presented a review of the Open Meetings Act to the Council.

Ethics Review

Linda Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney, presented a review of the Code of Ethics to the Council.

Review a Charter Mandated Commissions

John Mathias, County Attorney presented a review of Charter Mandated Commissions to the Council.

Motion to Go Into Closed Session

A motion was made by Council Member Jessica Fitzwater to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (1) To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Also in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Jerry Donald which passed 6-1, with Council Member Phil Dacey opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 2 - McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
District 1 – Donald	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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(The council went into closed session at 7:35 p.m.)

Public Comment:

- Jason Miller
- John Gretz

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council

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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR
CLOSING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

State Government Article §3-305(b) (1)

To discuss: (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

State Government Article §3-305(b)(7):

To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Motion:

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Time and Location:

8:00 p.m. – County Council Conference Room, First Floor, Winchester Hall

Topic for Discussion:

- To evaluate and interview a possible candidate that the Council may consider for confirmation.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR MINUTES OF NEXT OPEN MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019,
FOLLOWING THE CLOSED MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

State Government Article §3-305(b)(1):

To discuss: (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

State Government Article §3-305(b)(7):

To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Motion:

A motion was made by Council Member Jessica Fitzwater to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1) To discuss: (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Also in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jerry Donald and passed 6-1, with Council Member Phil Dacey opposed.

Time and Location:

7:35 p.m. – County Council Conference Room, First Floor, Winchester Hall

Others in Attendance:

Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; John Mathias, County Attorney, Michael Chomel, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Ray Barnes, Chief Administrative Officer; Board of Education Appointee; Nancy Luna, Recording Secretary; and Lisa Bigelow, Administrative Assistant V.

Topic Discussed:

- To evaluate and interview a possible candidate that the Council may consider for confirmation.

Action Taken:

None.

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Time and Location:

9:20 p.m. – County Council Conference Room, First Floor, Winchester Hall

Others in Attendance:

Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; John Mathias, County Attorney, Michael Chomel, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Nancy Luna, Recording Secretary; and Lisa Bigelow, Administrative Assistant V.

Topic Discussed:

- To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Action Taken:

Continue January 15, 2019.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council